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A pugilist, who to use his own words, "had his head beat off" at a "smoker" in a small town, unwittingly reveals some of the secrets of the "profession". He says:

"I want to meet the guy in a real go who beat my head off in one of our fake fights in a jake town because I monkeyed with a skirt he had flinched from a cow-stable. I don't propose to have any guy give me the double-cross even before jakes. You're lucky to get the price of a place to sleep out of the receipts in a jake town any more for the game is about petered as the jakes are getting their eyes open. Used to be when a guy was billed from Chicago and the other from Baltimore, it got 'em. About the only sport about it now is to fall for the janes who lose their regular johnnies and chase us while we habitat at the water tank."

Such a frank statement, coming from one of the leading stars of the "profession", calls for legislative enactment. We ought to have a commission to control the "janes" so that they cannot interfere with the regular "working" order, or in other words, prohibit them from throwing a wrench into the pugilistic machine. The "jakes," as a rule, pay their money to be buncoed and they are keenly disappointed when they don't get what they pay for.

Suicide is a frightful step. But there are those who cannot be prevented from saying that Harry Thaw did the first piece of useful work yesterday that he ever undertook.—Portland Journal.

But as Harry bungled the job and failed to pass out as intended we will have to put him in the limelight again and make the most of it. We, for one, believe that the worst thing happened to Thaw when he was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. Otherwise, he might have become a good citizen of the ordinary type or been hung long ago.

Evidence of a startling nature has been revealed regarding the "leak" down in Washington. A desire to make a million stunted the patriotism of several prominent citizens. The only way to remove such temptations is to stamp out the system that permits the operation of a roulette wheel in Wall Street.

Among the "tried and true" Democracy of Oregon, the five Democratic senators wont receive a very hearty handshake. It is the candid opinion that voting for Gus Moser for president of the senate should have been left to those who wear the shackles.

When the sergeant-at-arms stopped a preacher, who was praying overtime in the senate, he acted with the best of intentions. Being better acquainted with the senate than the preacher, he realized that praying would never do it any good.

Staffin's bill to raise the salary of the Polk county district attorney was killed a few hours after it was born. Similar treatment for many other bills is hoped for but not expected.

It can be stated authentically that a grave in the cemetery is being dug for the cigarette. There wout be as many friends at the funeral as of other recent burials.

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The manager of the London General Omnibus company says:

"We have had to contradict several reports that the girls on our busses are unable to stand the strain of the work and that in consequence they are leaving our employ."

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GIRL FOLLOWING FASHION, CHARGED WITH INSANITY

Kansas City.—"If all young women followed the dictates of fashion to the letter there would be few out of the asylum," was the way a sanely commission put it when it ordered the liberation of Margaret Wagner, seventeen years old, who was held on complaint of her mother. The latter thought the girl insane because, despite cold weather, she wore décolleté gowns and short skirts. The daughter's defense was, "All the other girls dress that way."

They Hold All the Offices In Umatilla, Ore.

TOOK CHARGE FIRST OF YEAR.

Executed Campaign Coup Which Left Men Gasping—Elected Mayor, Four Members of Council, Recorder and Treasurer—All New Officials. Are Married—Promise Many Reforms.

Kansas City.—Woman has come into her own in Umatilla, Ore., says the Kansas City Times. Umatilla now has a woman mayor, four councilwomen, a woman recorder and a woman treasurer. They went into office Jan. 1. The only thing left for the men is the office of town marshal, and he or she is appointed by the mayor. The men are hoping for the best.

A campaign coup which has left the men gasping swept the women into office. It was not until 2 o'clock the afternoon of election day that the men realized the women had a ticket in the field. Down at the town hall, where the destitutes of Umatilla are shaped, the politicians laughed at the "rumor." It was a joke. The smiles vanished when the ballots were counted, and the men still are wondering just how it happened.

The women won't tell. They won't say whether it was "framed" at some sewing circle, bridge club or church social. All they will say is:

"Now we're going to show the men what a strictly business and economical administration really is."

E. E. Starcher, who was running for re-election to the mayor's office, was defeated by his wife by twenty-eight votes. All efforts to interview Mrs. Starcher have failed. However, after a conference in the kitchen Mrs. Starcher came to the door and gave out this statement:

"As yet the women have nothing to say as to their future policy or as to why they desired control, but from the best information we are able to obtain they were dissatisfied with the past administration, claiming inefficiency and a general lack of business ability so far as the running of the city was concerned."

Umatilla is a railroad town. All morning election day the women remained at home, busy with their daily duties. In the afternoon they put on their bonnets and began a whirlwind campaign. They met the trainmen in the yards as they came in from their various runs, buttonholed them and carried them off to the polls. Despite the fact that Mr. Starcher is chief dispatcher at that place, he did not swing the labor vote.

All of the officers are married. Out of a possible 200 votes 174 were cast. The defeat was decisive.

GETS LICENSE ON CREDIT.

Has the Time, the Place, the Girl, but No Money.

Macon, Ga. — Simon Cox had the nerve and the girl, but not the money to get married on.

Cox took his troubles to Attorney Hubert F. Rawls, who stood him in good stead in city court a few months back, and Rawls agreed to stand good for the marriage license.

Together Cox and the attorney went to the ordinary's office, and after explaining things Rawls got a license for Cox and Miss Ella Hardy of East Macon.

"I'll pay you in a few days," Cox told the ordinary as he walked out of the office with the license in his hand.

TRAIN ROBS HOLDUP MEN.

Mail Carrier Beaten by Thieves When Hook Snatches Letter Bag.

New York.—Alfred Lorenzo, a Yonkers mail carrier, notified the police that a pouch filled with registered matter had been saved from two thieves by the projecting hook on the mail car of an express train used to take mail bags on the fly, which grabbed it from his hands as the train flew past at forty-five miles an hour.

Lorenzo was at the depot putting the pouch in position on a small crane for the train to take it. Two thieves beat the mail carrier on the head. He held the pouch tightly far above his head. Presently the train came along, saved the situation, and the robbers fled.

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